

**MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**  
**270 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, East Sandwich, MA 02537**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Present: John Kennan, Jim Pierce, Ralph Vitacco

Not Present: Dana Barrette, Linell Grundman

Also present: George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, Darlene and Martin Baumhoff, Richard Augustine

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Pierce moved the minutes of September 2, 2010. Mr. Vitacco seconded. Unanimous.**

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Upcoming meetings: Monday, September 20, SEIC, 4:00 at Oak Crest Cove; September 20, Community Preservation Committee, 5:00 at Jan Sebastian Drive; Finance Committee, Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 at Public Library; Selectmen are back to weekly schedule starting next week.
2. Sandwich is hosting a forum on the Stretch Code which is part of the Green Energy Initiative at the Human Services Building on September 22.
3. The RFP for food and beverage service at Sandwich Hollows is complete. There will be a site visit on September 30 and bids are due back on October 15.
4. The Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteer drivers. It is about a two hour commitment delivering meals throughout the Town. For more information contact 888-2965.
5. The Town Hall Renovation committee met again this morning and they are confident they will be ready for the October 2 Grand Opening party.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Darlene and Martin Baumhoff, Route 130, Forestdale parents of 12 children ages 10-34, spoke of their concerns regarding the alarming drug and alcohol abuse in Sandwich. They hope the citizens and Selectmen can work together to come to a solution.

2. Richard Augustine read a statement into the record concern the Superintendent contract.

## STAFF MEETING –

1. John Dymecki has stepped down from the Historic District Committee. The Committee has requested the appointment of Barry Hall to fill the vacated seat. Mr. Hall has previously served in this position. **Mr. Pierce moved to appoint Barry Hall to the Historic District Committee as the Builder/Architect Representative for the term to expire December 30, 2010. Mr. Vitacco seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Town Vehicle policy. Mr. Lapp presented the draft policy and explained it is a formal written policy of the practices that have been informally done for years. This is a requirement of the Town's insurance carrier. After reviewing, **Mr. Pierce moved to accept the Motor Vehicle Policy as presented. Mr. Vitacco seconded. Unanimous.**

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham reviewed the proposed Special Town Meeting articles. The Board will decide on the date next week.
2. The School Department is filing a Green Repair Program Statement of Interest with the Mass. School Building Authority for repairs to the Oakridge and Forestdale School roofs. The Statement of Interest must be submitted in order to participate in the application process. **Mr. Pierce moved that the Board of Selectmen approve filing the Statement of Interest as proposed by the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**
3. The SEIC is requesting the Selectmen submit a letter of support for a \$10,000 Strategic Focus Grant request. The Board postponed until their next meeting.

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None.

## CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Pierce said about five weeks ago, he wrote an article in the paper about Bourne and if there would be any benefit to combining functions. He would like the Board's okay to

reach out to Bourne Selectmen to explore some ideas. He knows there's no commitment and would bring back any ideas. Mr. Dunham is in regular contact with the Town Manager in Bourne and there are many times that the Town's do this. Mr. Dunham also felt that Sandwich is more similar to Mashpee than Bourne. The Board agreed it is okay for Mr. Pierce to explore.

Mr. Vitacco spoke about the drug and alcohol issues brought forth by the public forum speakers. Mr. Vitacco said the Board and the Town Manager has expressed support for the Police, evidenced by the new Police Chief hire. Mr. Vitacco said they are being heard and it will not be swept under the rug. Mr. and Mrs. Baumhoff said it is getting worse there needs to be togetherness between the parents and the Police Department. Mr. Baumhoff suggested an anonymous tip hotline to the Police Department. Mr. Dunham said drug issues are of serious concern in other communities and mentioned the positive efforts of our police officers and department.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Pierce moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation Strategy and reconvening for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Vitacco seconded. Mr. Vitacco, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Kennan so moved. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall

Documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Letter of request from Patricia McArdle requesting appointment of Barry Hall
2. Municipal Vehicle Policy Town of Sandwich dated March 17, 2010
3. Letter from Michelle Austin dated September 13 regarding the Green Repair Program
4. Mass. School Building Authority Green Program Application User Guide
5. List of Potential special Town Meeting Warrant articles Draft dated September 14, 2010
6. FY Cherry Sheet Receipts & Federal Grant for School department draft 9/14/10
7. Building Project List (alternate)

8. Recent Debt History and Impact of Recommendation
9. Draft ballot question language for debt exclusion article
10. Cotuit/Harlow/south Sandwich Road project – special town meeting article dated 9.7.10
11. Drawing of South Sandwich Road round-about
12. Map of land surrounding visitor booth on Route 130
13. Letter dated from Taylor white dated July 29 regarding the special town meeting
14. Letter of support for SEIC Strategic Focus Grant Request
15. Public Forum comments from Richard Augustine